

Mission Statement:

The mission of WisWARN is to support and promote statewide emergency preparedness, disaster response, and mutual aid assistance for water, wastewater and public works agencies for natural and man-made events.

Sponsors:

(organization logos or names)
APWA ~ Wisconsin Chapter
CSWEA ~ Wisconsin Section
MEG Water Division
MEG Wastewater Division
Wisconsin Rural Water Association
Wisconsin Water Association
Wisconsin Wastewater Operator's Association
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Wisconsin Department of Emergency Management

[Http://www.WisWARN.org](http://www.WisWARN.org)



Mutual Aid Response Network Member Benefits:

- Mutual aid agreements.
- Searchable web-based equipment inventories.
- Enhanced access to specialized resources.
- Expedited arrival of aid.
- Reduced administrative conflict.

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Water/Wastewater/PW
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WisWARN is a Voluntary
Mutual Aid Response
Network for Wisconsin
Water, Wastewater and
Public Works Agencies



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What is the purpose of WisWARN?

The purpose of WisWARN is to provide a network where water, wastewater, and public works agencies can locate emergency assistance in the form of personnel, equipment, materials and other associated services. The objective is to provide rapid, short-term deployment of emergency services to recover from any emergency including but not limited to:

Natural Disasters —

Tornados, floods, ice storms, earthquakes, lightning, regional electrical outages, etc.

Manmade Disasters —

Significant accidents, vandalism, hazardous materials release, riots, or terrorist attacks.

The establishment of a statewide mutual aid and assistance network is a core principle of National Preparedness.

How Does a Community Join WisWARN?

How do I join WisWARN?

Step 1: Go to the WisWARN website:

<http://www.wiswarn.org>.

Step 2: Print off the state-wide mutual aid agreement. Take it to the proper authority in your community and have them complete it and sign it.

Step 3 Send the agreement to the Wisconsin Rural Water Association OR whomever is keeping the agreements,

Step 4: Log-in to the WisWARN website. Fill out the member's login information page, emergency contact and equipment database information.

What is my community's commitment if we join WisWARN?

WisWARN is a voluntary and cost free program. Your only commitment is to fill out the member's only section and keep it up to date.

What if my community can't help during a disaster?

Signing the mutual aid agreement does not obligate your community to provide emergency assistance to another community. Each request for assistance can be evaluated for your community's ability to respond.

Benefits of a Statewide Mutual Aid Program

- Creates one uniform statewide mutual aid agreement for Water, Wastewater and Public Works agencies.
- Facilitates coordinated regional emergency responses.
- Effectively utilizes resources (manpower and equipment)
- Provides access to statewide and regional experts from a variety of local organizations.
- Expedites responses because mutual aid agreements are signed in advance of a disaster.
- Facilitates federal reimbursements if disaster funds become available (mutual aid agreements are required to receive federal funds).
- Reassures your public by helping to ensure continuity of service during emergencies.
- There is cost to participate
- Helps to ensure continuity of service during emergency responses.
- The agreement contains indemnification and worker's compensation provisions to protect participating agencies



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